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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, PGOV, NA, US  
SUBJECT: BETICO CROES' MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT

1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED BY TELEGRAM 4:00 PM TODAY FROM BETICO  
CROES FOR PRESIDENT:

BEGIN TEXT.

A. THE ARUBAN PEOPLE POSSESS THE INALIENABLE RIGHT OF SELF-  
DETERMINATION. B. THIS RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION HAS ALREADY  
BEEN RECOGNIZED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS BY THE PARLIAMENT OF  
ARUBA THE PARLIAMENT OF THE NETHERLANDS ANTILLES AND THE  
ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE OF THE NETHERLANDS, SURINAM AND THE  
NETHERLANDS ANTILLES. ON LAST MARCH 25 EIGHTY-TWO PERCENT  
OF ARUBAN VOTERS VOTED FOR INDEPENDENCE OF ARUBA. D. DUTCH AND  
ANTILLIAN POLITICIANS TRAMPLE ON THE FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN  
RIGHT OF THE ARUBAN PEOPLE. E. WE COUNT ON YOUR MORAL AS WELL  
AS MATERIAL COOPERATION WITH THE AIM OF SAFEGUARDING THE  
FREEDOM OF THE ARUBAN PEOPLE FOR WHICH YOUR PEOPLE HAS  
ALSO FOUGHT IN THE PAST IN A DIGNIFIED MANNER. F, WE PROTEST  
AGAINST TRANSPORTATION OF WEAPONS FROM CURACAO TO ARUBA  
ON BOARD VENEZUELAN FERRY ALMIRANTE LUIS BRION FOR THE  
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PURPOSE OF SUPPRESSING THE STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM OF THE  
ARUBAN PEOPLE UNQUOTE  
BETICO CROES IN THE NAME OF THE ISLAND GOVERNMENT OF  
ARUBA AND THE ARUBAN PEOPLE

END TEXT.

2. NOTE CROES' ASSERTION OF AUTHORITY TO SPEAK FOR ARUBAN ISLAND GOVERNMENT. ITS HEAD IS APPOINTED BY QUEEN; CROES' ONLY OFFICIAL POSITION IS AS "ADVISOR TO ISLAND GOVERNMENT" AT AUGUST 2 RALLY HE STATED FROM ISLAND GOVERNMENT BUILDING STEPS THAT "WE ARE THE GOVERNMENT OF ARUBA."

3. IN CONFORMITY US POLICY HERETOFORE, RECOMMEND NEITHER REPLY NOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.  
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